



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6789

January Session, 2001

AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUES FROM USE OF TELEPHONES BY PRISON INMATES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) In any contract entered into by the state on and
2 after the effective date of this act for telephone services to be provided
3 to inmates housed in any facility under the control of the
4 Commissioner of Correction, there shall be no provision for the state to
5 realize any commission or other financial gain from the use of
6 telephone services by such inmates. Said commissioner shall include
7 the cost to the inmates and their families as an explicit factor in the
8 criteria in the request for proposals for such contract. In determining
9 which contract bid is the most advantageous to the state, said
10 commissioner shall give a preference for lower cost to the inmates and
11 their families.

12 (b) The Commissioner of Correction shall provide for, and such
13 contract shall include provisions for, an option to be made available to
14 inmates, in lieu of collect calls, for payment of telephone service by use
15 of a debit account system or other similar system under which funds
16 may be deposited into an inmate's account in order to pay for station-
17 to-station telephone service for such inmate. Said commissioner shall
18 give notice of such option, or provide for notice to be given, to the
19 inmates and their families. Such debit account system shall be ready
20 for use in all facilities under the control of said commissioner not later

21 than one year after the effective date of this act.

22 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

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